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Ye Smudge Pot... By Arthur Perry

The expression, "There is no fool like an old fool," was coined before juveniles of both sexes started driving autos.

Women can tell another woman, "You are nut-brown," but a man puts the crescendo on the nut and is called a nut-brown.

The haystack of the Moran boys in getting a matrimonial proposal, and is located just right on the C. Lake hazy, to have a cigar stub heaved at it and be set afire by a carelessly thrown cigarette.

It sometimes appears that our alien population belongs either to a gang or the Soviet.

TERRORS OF BRIDGE (Press Dispatch) Miss Ella Ruham, a school teacher living here, is suffering from a dislocated arm—the result of playing bridge. She was dealt an unusual hand. In expressing her surprise and pleasure, she waved her arms in the air and clapped her hands so vigorously that her right arm was dislocated.

Local fretting over the fear there would be no heat the current summer, was somewhat allayed yesterday when the mercury soared to 93. It will ruin the years by making fog ones out of the little ones. Several allege they enjoy the heat, as it varies the climate monotonously, and are having a fine time asking the favorite query: "Is it hot enough for you?" It generally is. It is doubtful if a lawyer could think up some of the questions that are propounded by laymen when the sun beams vigorously.

A man showed your error, a new \$1000 bill yesterday, and has nothing to report to the sheriff.

After a three years plague of Pseudis cats, the affluent of those parts have gone in for bow-legged bulldogs.

The St. Louis endurance flyers announce they are going to stay up until the Rogue River fish question is settled.

NOTHING PERSONAL Robert Baker, of town, expects to return to Bloomington some time this week from Philadelphia, where he has taken a course in embalming. He will take charge of the team Corps at the regular Monday night rehearsal.

HENRY AUGER BIT (Malheur Reviewer's Column) Probably by a corkscrow.

The courtesan flight will not amount to anything until a resolution is adopted that contains 24 whereases.

The prolonged applause heard in the hills yesterday, was due to people slipping down the side of hungry insects.

A SOLON GETS FUNNY To create section 25.84 of the statutes, relating to assault on conservation warden and providing a penalty.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows: Section 1. A new section is added to the statutes to be numbered and to read: 25.84: Any person who shall assault, point his finger at, attempt to assault, or point a gun at a conservation warden, assemblyman, doctor or lawyer, whether loaded or unloaded, while acting in the performance of his duty shall be punished by being boiled in oil at a temperature of six hundred degrees Centigrade, by imprisonment in the state prison not less than ninety years nor more than six millenniums, or by both such punishments, and any conservation warden, assemblyman, doctor or lawyer shall have the right and power to arrest and sentence anyone committing such an offense against his person or that of another conservation warden, assemblyman, doctor or lawyer.

Goodwin Goes to Prison PORTLAND, Ore., July 28.—(AP)—Charles S. Goodwin, vice-president of the defunct Overbeck & Cooke brokerage firm, was taken to the Oregon state prison at Salem today to start serving the 15-month sentence imposed upon him last week in circuit court.

THE HABITUAL CRIMINAL ACT NEEDS CORRECTION

JOHN TUEL, 31 years old, because he has been convicted of robbery three times, must, under the provisions of the habitual criminal act, spend the rest of his life in the state penitentiary at Salem.

Prison and court officials agree that Tuel is neither vicious nor, except in the case of property, dangerous. But he appears to be a sort of professional kleptomaniac, and, in spite of 17 years in prison, has shown no disposition to mend his ways or reform.

So he goes up for life, comparatively a young man, an athlete, an ex-soldier, doomed to spend the rest of his days behind prison walls. There he will be grouped with other "lifers," including the De'Autremont boys.

The De'Autremont boys killed three defenseless men in cold blood, and were responsible for the death of a fourth, but, according to this habitual criminal law, they are deserving of no more punishment than this petty thief and runaway—the theory apparently being that it is no worse to kill three or four men ONCE, than to steal from them, at different times.

THIS may be "enlightened justice," but somehow it doesn't appeal to us very much. In fact, in this particular case—and every criminal case should be treated on its merits—we regard such a sentence imposed upon a young chap only 31 years old, as a very questionable procedure, indeed.

Tuel, the upholders of the law maintain, can't be reformed. It's too late. The only hope was "before he started on a life of crime."

This would throw all reformatory methods into the discard, and completely discredit every advance made by humanitarians and students of criminology the past fifty years.

We hold no brief for Tuel. But we do maintain that, in view of his record, he deserves more consideration than pitiless killers like the De'Autremont boys. And we also maintain that a law that brands any individual a confirmed criminal, simply because he has been caught and convicted three or four times, is unintelligent and open to grave abuse.

For inability of an offender to escape arrest is no proof of his incorrigibility. The confirmed and vicious criminal is frequently the most clever one; the "boy gone wrong," physically or mentally sick, often the most stupid.

As a result, the criminal most dangerous to society may escape the police for years, and the criminal least dangerous, and most susceptible to reform, may be arrested several times in a few months or years.

In short, while this habitual criminal act may have some justification theoretically, it has none practically, until the methods of determining the habitual criminal are based upon an intelligent and scientific basis.

INSTEAD of the number of arrests being the only determining factor, they should be regarded merely as one important factor, to always be considered along with a complete record of the individual concerned, his training and temperament, and particularly his physical and mental condition.

In other words, instead of giving this man Tuel a life sentence, and throwing him in with other lifers, and forgetting him, he should be held on an indeterminate sentence until his status has been scientifically determined, and the real hopelessness of his case definitely established, or as definitely disproved.

Only on some such basis will this habitual criminal law be allowed to remain permanently on the statute books of any enlightened state or nation.

ENDURANCE FLIGHTS DANGEROUS, TOO

THE tragic outcome of the Minneapolis endurance flight only makes the achievement of the St. Louis Robin the more remarkable.

There have been so many successful endurance flights of late that most people have come to the conclusion that they demonstrate nothing but the durability of the engine and the ability of two men to stay cooped up in a cockpit, day after day.

Of course this is not true. The fool-proof airplane has not yet been invented. Whether the aviator flies thousands of miles across the ocean, or thousands of miles above an airport, eternal vigilance is the price of safety.

Every refueling contact represents a hazard, every time the ship swoops down to drop a note, a certain chance has to be taken. Of course the refueling flight is not as dangerous as the long distance ocean flight, but it isn't child's play by any means.

And any two aviators who have done what the men on the St. Louis Robin have already done, have not only demonstrated their powers of sheer physical endurance, but their skill and resourcefulness as airplane pilots.

The race question is much like babies. Those who haven't any know best how to handle it.

New York spy policemen may solve one problem. If they can't show their stars they can't demand a rikeoff.

Personal Health Service

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

Signal letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be covered by Dr. Brady if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed, which should be kept and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received, only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries but uniform speed in transcription. Address Dr. William Brady, in care of the newspaper.

THE COCOA BUTTER SCHOOL OF HYGIENE

Paint your skin with lodin and after a few days the skin will disappear. If you like to believe it the skin has been "absorbed" by the skin. But I'm queer about such things. I don't like to believe the skin absorbs anything. It would be a very uncommon and a very foolish kind of k no o I dro. I should think, so I painted a couple of spots on my skin with lodin. One of the brown spots I covered with an impervious coating of colodion. The other I left uncovered. The uncovered spot was gone in three days. The covered spot was still there and brown. This is obviously explained by the evaporation of the lodin from the skin; the impervious coating prevented evaporation.

A lot of dummies, not all of whom are flappers, ask where this and that food, skin cream, vanishing cream, solve or "building" stuff goes when they rub it on or into the skin, if the skin does not absorb it. The answer that it goes all over the environment, but not one particle of it goes through the skin. The mystery of the wonderful new method of feeding folks through the skin, that the newspapers heralded a year or so ago as the discovery of some great Austrian savant, is as yet unsolved. I had expected the follow-up long before this, but if the follow-up has arrived I haven't noticed it.

If any health or medical authority imagines mercury is absorbed through the skin when mercury ointment is applied to the skin, I challenge him to demonstrate the truth of the contention on my skin under competent scientific control.

Once more I declare that any one who asserts that anything is absorbed through the unbroken skin is either deceived or needs to deceive.

Couple of physicians nearly called my bluff about this—they were going to rub a lot of belladonna ointment all over my back and make me dizzy, but when I cheerfully occupied and asked for the date and place for the test, the physicians faded away.

No danger that any responsible physician or scientific authority will accept my challenge to a demonstration of the matter. That's why I dare make such a challenge. I have a lot of faith in my skin as a protective covering.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS High School Physical Education. I am 17 and a trackman. I agree with you about cross-country running. Last fall one of our men had to be carried back home. It surely brings the worst state of physical exhaustion I have ever seen. But I don't think there is anything wrong with ordinary track work such as we have in the spring—shorter races. —D. P.

Answer.—Short races are fine for high school boys. Cross-country or marathon runs, and football, are absolutely out of place in this stage of a youth's growth and development, and if the athletic management of our high schools were not turned over to the sporting element these abuses would not occur. Physical education is indeed in its infancy in our high schools.

Large Families. Please tell me if there is any truth in all the talk one hears about babies in large families being born delicate of body and brain. All our children seem physically sound and they can think plenty fast enough. —Mrs. M. E. J.

Answer.—That is part of the "birth control" propaganda, or course it is mere bunk. The detectives are quite as likely to be only children as they are to be the later children of large families. Redfield compiled an imposing list of world celebrities who were the late or last born children of large families. A physician in the employ of a "birth control" organization asserts that the movement does not seek to prevent childbirth. Well, why are the persons engaged in it forever clothing with the law?

Thymus Gland. Where is the thymus gland located in the body and what is its function?—G. S.

Answer.—The thymus is a ductless gland situated in front of the windpipe in the upper part of the

MAIL TRIBUNE DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

Solution to Saturday's Puzzle

ACROSS 1. Small child... 2. Playful part... 3. Valet respecter of wealth... 14. Blunder... 15. Trade... 16. Nobleman below a marquis... 17. Period of years... 18. Swiss canton... 19. Police man's patrol... 21. That for abbr... 22. Branched... 23. Spanish form of John... 24. Male descendant... 25. Sleep noisily... 27. River and... 28. Mergolton's stick... 29. Concocting... 30. Spanish pot... 31. Human being... 32. Dance step... 33. Hain... 34. Taper... 35. Japanese machine measure... 36. Hideos... 37. Blade sage... 38. Love to excess... 39. Conjunction of whole... 40. Trial... 41. Defect... 42. Tooth of a wheel... 43. Male sheep... 47. Seep... 48. Exclamation used to startle... 49. Apothecary's weight... 51. Competent... 52. Because... 53. Unwashed... 54. Hideos... 55. Within... 56. Silk worm... 57. Uncut timber... 61. Cereal grass... 62. Nobody Latin... 63. Feminine name... 65. He situated... 67. Acute... 68. Sensible... 69. Sea eagle... 70. Bow N... 1. Woman's weight... 2. Musical instrument... 3. Quivers... 4. Misuse... 5. Anxiety... 6. Three preft... 7. Pronoun... 8. Hand of stars... 9. Hinge... 10. Series of numbers... 11. Symbol for sodium... 12. Brilliant crystalline... 13. Single... 14. Article... 15. Cast metal... 16. Cast article... 17. Finely divided... 18. Singsong... 19. Snow less... 20. Precious stone... 21. Ship's officer... 22. In favor of... 23. Melody... 24. Bridge across... 25. Shelter for small primates... 26. Star game... 27. Unit of work... 28. Jeweller... 29. Bell... 30. Flattened... 31. Axes with... 32. Platted at the poles... 33. Lira... 34. Imbibe... 35. Hindu princess... 36. Grass cattle for hire... 37. Sweet crystalline substance... 38. Seat... 39. Devoiced... 40. Abraham's birthplace... 41. Treestump... 42. Endless time... 43. Doctor of laws... 44. Printer's measure... 45. Lira... 46. Imbibe... 47. Hindu princess... 48. Grass cattle for hire... 49. Sweet crystalline substance... 50. Seat... 51. Devoiced... 52. Abraham's birthplace... 53. Treestump... 54. Endless time... 55. Doctor of laws... 56. Printer's measure

Quill Points

And now the hard part of separating church and state is to tell which is which.

Middle age is that indefinite period when another pain doesn't mean anything except middle age.

Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs would sound big, but how much more simple to say "Berah."

Doubtless skinny old mosquitoes hold forth concerning the hard times of early days when ankles were only four inches long.

You can always recognize an American. He is enduring something he doesn't like because he doesn't like to make a scene.

You never know what to expect in this world, except when you're watching some half-high hombra tinker with some contrivance that is foolproof.

It would be pleasant to live another 50 years if only to see how long it takes the neighbor's wife to learn the art of driving.

It's a sad world, and a man who has bought and used everything advertised in the magazines may still fail to be the life of the party.

Americanism: Turning the pup lose to grow up as it will; thinking the old dog wicked because it won't learn new tricks.

Another high-flyer that seems able to stay up a remarkably long time if occasionally refueled is a flapper.

Why not a secret order frankly named "Repressed Husband's Dressed Up to Feel Devilish and Important"?

Orchestra music by radio is enjoyable, except that you miss the fellow who sits behind you and kicks your seat to keep time.

You can say one thing for a run-runner. He doesn't pretend that some friend slipped the hook in his truck without his knowledge.

Don't give all the credit to the state that pays the most income tax. The cow gives milk, but think who feeds the cow.

When you see the driver of a grocer's delivery truck backing up, he's probably having another try at a tree he failed to skin.

If your boy loafs at the barber shop, picking a guitar and singing through his nose, don't be discouraged. Soon or late they'll have him making phonograph records.

Correct this sentence: "I ask no better tariff treatment for my district," said the congressman, "than I am willing to give all other sections."

Siamese Twins Born. MARIETTA, Ohio, July 28.—(AP)—"Siamese twins" born to Mr. and Mrs. Jessie C. Davis here yesterday, died an hour after birth. Both infants were boys and were joined at the breast. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have two other children.

Do You Remember?

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY (From files of the Mail Tribune) TEN YEARS AGO TODAY (From files of the Mail Tribune.) July 19, 1919. Paul McDonald joins force of Medford's new airplane company in looking ahead.

Chicago.—Serious race riots took out in negro quarter of Chicago.—U. S. troops called out.

All telephone rates in Medford and Jackson county raised.

Leot. Carl Tenenwald returns from army service and takes management of Hotel Holland.

Snyder.—"Chan Egan has a new key-eyed cop capable of detecting a criminal alien when he sees one."

J. F. Reddy presents \$50,000 claim to war minerals relief commission in session here.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY (From files of the Mail Tribune.) July 29, 1909. "Bob Isaacs," famous hunting dog of A. E. Hanson, died yesterday, age 14, and was buried on the Hanson property in Jacksonville where he spent most of his life.

Editorial: "Co-operation is essential to the fruitgrowers as it is to commercial producers and manufacturers. It does not create an unjust imposition upon the consumer, but it stops the robbery of the middle-man."

Medford's new phone system will be installed by August 7th and connection will be by numbers, not by names.

Col. J. F. Mundy and Julius W. Perkins may supply water to the Rogue River valley by turning the Klamath river through Emigrant gap, above Ashland, the project to cost \$1,250,000.

New York.—Harry Thaw, murderer of Stanford White, declares he was only legally crazy at time of crime, and should be released from the asylum.

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MUTT AND JEFF—Mutt Decides to Nose Into the Talkies

MUTT, I HATE TO BE BRUTALLY FRANK WITH YOU BUT THERE IS NO JOB IN THE TALKIES FOR A BOZO WITH A BEEZER LIKE YOURS! YOUR NOSE IS THE WRONG SHAPE! GOOD DAY, SIR! ACTORS GET BIG DOUGH IN THE TALKIES, HENCE, I'LL GET A DOCTOR TO OPERATE ON MY BEAK AND MAKE JOHN GILBERT LOOK TO HIS LAURELS!

Dr. CLUTTS' NOSE BEAUTIFIER. OH, DOCTOR!! OUCH! MY NOSE! MY NOSE! WAITING ROOM— OH, HELLO MUTT! BY THE WAY, I'VE GOT A JUICY CONTRACT FOR THE MOVIES!

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